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SUBJ: ICJ EXAMINATION OF SPANISH SAHARA CASE

REF:: USUN 5775 OF DEC 6, 1974 (NOTAL)

1. PRESS HERE ANNOUNCED OVER WEEKEND SEVERAL ITEMS ON
INTERNATIONAL COURT OF JUSTICE'S HEARING OF SPANISH SAHARA
CASE. PROCEDURE WILL BE TO EXAMINE DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED
TO IT AND THEN TO HEAR PRESENTATIONS OF INTERESTED PARTIES.
ACCORDING TO MARCH 28 REUTERS ITEM FROM THE HAGUE,
MOROCCO, MAURITANIA, SPAIN, AND FRANCE, AS WELL AS FIVE LATIN
AMERICAN COUNTRIES (CHILE, GUATEMALA, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC,
PANAMA AND NICARAGUA) HAVE RESPONDED TO COURT'S JANUARY 9 CALL
FOR DOCUMENTS. MOST OFFICIAL OF SEMI-OFFICIAL NEWSPAPERS SAID
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THAT ICJ WOULD GIVE ITS ADVISORY OPINION IN SEPTEMBER 1975.

2. IVORY COAST'S ROLE IN PROCEEDINGS WILL APPARENTLY BE MAJOR.
PRESS REPORTED MARCH 25 ANNOUNCEMENT OF IVORY COAST GOVERNMENT
THAT IVORIEN SUPREME COURT PRESIDENT ALPHONSE BONI WOULD BE AT
KING HASSAN'S DISPOSITION TO PLEAD MOROCCO'S CASE BEFORE COURT
AS "AD HOC JUDGE." ALSO, IVORY COAST WILL HEAD THREE-NATION
COMMISSION (IVORY COAST, IRAN AND CUBA) WHICH WILL BE SENT TO
SAHARA AT SPANISH REQUEST IN MAY BY UN'S COMMITTEE OF 24 TO
EXAMINE SITUATION IN COLONY.

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3. COMMENT: IVORY COAST AND IRAN BOTH GOOD FRIENDS OF MOROCCANS
AND THEIR PRESENCE ON UN OBSERVER TEAM PRESUMABLY PLEASES GOM.

4. IT SHOULD BE NOTED THAT IVORIENS SHARE STRONG AFRICAN
PREDILECTION FOR SELF-DETERMINATION FOR COLONY. ACCORDING TO
FONMIN LARAKI (REFTEL), IVORY COAST WAS UNHAPPY WITH ORIGINAL
MOROCCAN DRAFT RESOLUTION ON SAHARA WHICH DID NOT MENTION SELF-
DETERMINATION, AND OUR UNDERSTANDING IS THAT MOROCCANS FORCED
TO ADD THIS CONCEPT IN ORDER OBTAIN AFRICAN SUPPORT.

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